



63rd Annual Northwest Fish Culture Conference

December 11-13, 2012

Portland Marriott

Portland, Oregon

“PROGRESSIVE FISH CULTURE IN THE NORTHWEST”

Dear Fish Culture Associates:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is pleased to invite you to the 63rd Annual Northwest Fish Culture Conference. This event will be hosted at the Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel in Portland, Oregon. This year's theme is Progressive Fish Culture in the Northwest, and we are soliciting presentations to showcase how progressive fish culturists and those in allied fields (e.g., fish health, nutrition, engineering, monitoring) have become. We encourage you to present and help maintain the grand tradition that has become the Northwest Fish Culture Conference. This letter serves as the First Call for Presentations and Posters. The deadline for submissions is August 31, 2012. Please follow the given abstract example.

The Northwest Fish Culture Conference (NWFCC) is an excellent venue for presentation of technical fish culture applications for attendees, presenters, and exhibitors. More information is available online regarding the details of the conference. Registration is available online.

Early conference registration fee is \$110.00 and is due by November 16, 2012. After this date, the registration fee increases to \$135.00. A limited number of rooms are blocked off for the NWFCC at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel for \$113/night. Reserve early.

The Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel is ideally located on the Willamette riverfront, conveniently near Portland State University and many other top downtown attractions. Their Portland waterfront restaurant, Truss, serves fantastic cuisine with an artisanal flair. And the popular Lobby Cafe is the neighborhood hotspot for a local brew, wine, or hand-crafted cocktail. The Portland Marriott is ENERGY STAR compliant and Green Seal Silver Certified.

NWFCC 2012 Contact Information

Registration

Early Registration deadline November 16, 2012.

Log on to the NWFCC 2012 website for all online registration procedures including conference/exhibitor registration, presenter submissions, and mail-in forms:

<http://www.fws.gov/columbiariver/nwfcc2012.html>

Hotel Registration

Make Reservations by November 19, 2012

Portland Marriott

1401 SW Naito Parkway

Portland, OR 97201

Identify that you want NWFCC 2012 rates

503-226-7600

Registration Questions

Please contact Margaret Anderson at: margaret_m_anderson@fws.gov

Phone: 208-378-5299

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Abstracts for Poster Presentations

Send to Nathan Wiese or Jim Bowker, Technical Committee co-chairs:

Nathan_wiese@fws.gov or **Jim_bowker@fws.gov**

NWFCC 2012– Progressive Fish Culture in the Northwest

The deadline for submitting abstracts for Posters will be November 26, 2012. Preference will be given to submissions that follow the NWFCC 2012 theme of “Progressive Fish Culture in the Northwest.” However, all topics relevant to fish culture in the Northwest will be considered.

Session topics will be:

- 1) Progressive Fish Culture
- 2) Hatchery Operations/ New Technology
- 3) Fish Health and Nutrition
- 4) Fish Culture Equipment and Innovations
- 5) Miscellaneous Topics in Fish Culture

Guidelines for submissions:

- 1) **TITLE** – Center and bold title in Times New Roman, 12 point font, at top of abstract
- 2) **PRESENTER** – list authors and designate presenter by a “*“, employer or affiliation, mailing address, city, state, zip, phone and email should be included, superscript numbers can be used for authors with alternate contact information
- 3) **ABSTRACT** – (250 words, 500 max) – Use Times New Roman Font / Size 12 in MS Word
- 4) **TABLES** – A table or figure can be included with the abstract, but the entire “expanded” abstract (Abstract plus table or Figure) is restricted to one page total
- 5) **SUBMISSIONS** – Please submit by November 26, 2012 to Nathan_wiese@fws.gov or Jim_bowker@fws.gov
- 6) **EXAMPLE** – Please see following page for an example abstract
- 7) **POSTERS** – Posters need to fit in a 4x4 space, poster boards will be provided.

Example Abstract: Northwest Fish Culture Conference 2012 – Progressive Fish Culture in the Northwest

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Fish Culture in the Northwest is continually adapting to changing conditions. The 63rd Annual Northwest Fish Culture Conference is the place to learn progressive fish culture techniques. Meeting participants will have the opportunity to attend presentations about advancements and observations in:

- 1) Progressive Fish Culture
- 2) Hatchery Operations/ New Technology
- 3) Fish Health and Nutrition
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- 5) Miscellaneous Topics in Fish Culture

Along with great presentations, attendees will be able to visit with vendors and exhibitors during breaks and socials, to ensure great information and products are taken back to each operation.

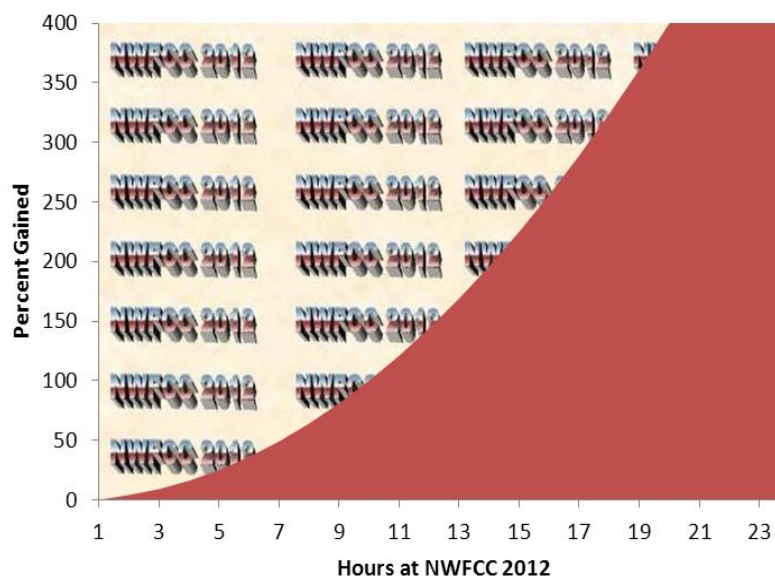


Figure 1. Exponential knowledge gained by attending NWFFC 2012.